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# MONTEREY NEWS



October, 1974

## OUR TOWN

### New Selectmen's Appointments and a Resignation

John Pizzichemi has been appointed Building Inspector and is at present going over the Building Code to see exactly what his duties will be. Allen Varney has been appointed to the Highway and Machinery Committee. Raymond W. Tryon has been appointed Gas Inspector. This is in keeping with the practice of most towns of the area to appoint their Fire Constable to this position. Georgiana O'Connell and Thomas Gillis have been named alternate members of the Board of Appeals. George Helmrich has resigned from the Finance Committee.



### Selectmen Attend Meeting and Annual Dinner

On September 19 the Selectmen attended the Berkshire County Selectmen's Association meeting held at the East Lee State House. State Senator John Fitzpatrick, State Representative <sup>Dennis</sup> Duffin and County Commissioner John Pignatelli were also present at this occasion. Mr. Duffin explained the new law in the state covering the testing necessary for service as ambulance attendants. On October 10 the Selectmen attended the annual Selectmen's dinner in Lanesboro.

### Road and Landscaping Improvements in Monterey

Route 23 has been blacktopped from the Great Barrington Boundary line to Blue Hill Road. Similar work has also been <sup>done</sup> on Sandisfield and Beartown Roads. The fence for which funds were appropriated at the September town meeting has been installed at the site of the Lake Garfield Dam. It is of locust wood, chosen for its durability and good looks, and was installed by John Ingersoll of Sheffield. The 4-H Clubs are embarking on beautification of that area, such as the planting of flowering crab trees. They hope to have an Article on the Town Warrant of the annual meeting for allocation of funds to further this project.

### Junk Cars to Be Removed from Private Property

Letters were sent by the Selectmen earlier this month to about half-a-dozen property owners maintaining one or several dilapidated vehicles on their premises. They were given four weeks to remove them, after which, if no action has been taken, a fine not exceeding \$10 per day per vehicle may be imposed.

### Tax Rate Lowered

The assessors have announced the tax rate for the fiscal year that began July 1 will be \$19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, a decrease of \$3 from the 1973 rate.

### Monterey Seeks Inclusion in Water Quality Act Fund Distribution

Jed Lipnky, as representative of the Planning Board, attended a hearing of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission on October 15 in Pittsfield. He presented a resolution signed by the three Selectmen stating the case for the inclusion of Monterey in a distribution of funds for various anti-pollution measures on our two lakes. The communities at present designated for receipt of these funds are Hinsdale, Dalton, Pittsfield, Lanesboro, Lenox and Lee, but Monterey meets most of the requirements for receipt of such funds, which are to be made available under the Water Quality Act, Section 208.

### UNICEF Collection and Hallowe'en Parties, October 30

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund collection in Monterey will be on Wednesday, October 30. Children are asked to come to the church social room at 5:30 p.m. to receive the boxes for the UNICEF collection. The parties will begin at the children's room around 7:00 p.m. The younger children will have their party at the ~~St. John's~~ Hills Nursing Home, and it is being sponsored by the residents of the nursing home, assisted by the Girl Scouts. The party for the older children will be in the church social room and is being run by the Monterey Youth Group. The UNICEF collection has become an important part of the Monterey observance of Hallowe'en. These emergency funds help children in many parts of the world.





#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekly Mass, Sunday, 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m. . . .  
Notes Confirmation class each Sunday, 9:15 a.m. . . .  
Pre-school class, 10:30 a.m., in the social room during morning worship. . . . The wedding of Cynthia Tryon and Robert Hoogs was on September 28. . . . The wedding of Gilbert Bernard and Marcy Paris was on October 20.

#### Group on Alternative Life Styles

A potluck supper was held on October 17 for persons interested in alternative life styles. The purpose was to explore the concerns of the group and to determine whether there would be interest in continuing it. There was real enthusiasm for continuing and many concerns were shared, from how to develop root cellars to ways of helping influence a society toward a saner set of values. The next meeting is a potluck supper on Wednesday, November 13, in the social room. All interested persons are invited.

#### Group for Personal Growth

The Philergians are sponsoring a series of meetings to help in personal growth. They are open to anyone in the community who wishes to participate. Dr. Brallier will be leading these groups which will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m.

#### Children's Christian Enrichment Program

During October and November our church is planning a program of Christian enrichment for children on a somewhat different model than the usual pattern. On Sunday, October 27, children are to meet at the church at 12:30 and bring a box lunch. The afternoon will be spent at the Albert Schweitzer Friendship House. Acquaintance with the work and influence of this dedicated man will be the focus of the afternoon's activities. In November there will be a study of dreams in the Bible. Resource persons will be Bernard Keiler and Judith Finger.

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#### WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE OLD

Old, -- I, old? How strange! I've always thought of others who were old. Now it is myself.

Well, I need to get acquainted. Am I chafing a bit at having more ideas of things to do than I get accomplished? Chinese New Year's Day, for instance, I wanted to celebrate. And younger ones offered to help, but -- well -- we didn't.

There is something deeper about old age that needs to be faced. There is life within that needs a new expression. I can comfort little children but not really nourish them. I enjoy young people, but sometimes there seems to be a taken-for-granted separation. This needs to be worked on but is difficult to eliminate.

How can I be a good mother to adults or grandmother to young people? Perhaps I can be more conscious of the stage they are in. It seems not long ago that I was there. And especially, perhaps I can be a backlog for those in the midst of great responsibilities. When one has been through the fray, one can comprehend in a way, keep steady, and let anyone come near who wishes. It may help keep them steadier, be a way to receive new faith for their task.

The Chinese culture always respects and honors old age. The seventieth birthday is a great celebration and the 5's and 10's after that increasingly jubilant. It is a real satisfaction for older ones to feel this reward. Their life has been lived and appreciated.

We older ones need to get a new evaluation of ourselves and the part we may have for the oncoming generation. We know the bewildering experiences, the great ups and downs of living. We thank God that we've been sustained by countless friends through the years. God has been real to us because of parents and loved ones, church and school and many experiences through life. Now all we want is that somehow this vital faith may still be glowing as we go the last miles of earthly life. It will be helpful for everyone concerned if some who are following the path can see more clearly because of us. And thus our lives can be fulfilled.

Ruth Carr  
Gould Farm



## WHICH SIDE ARE YOU SEEING?

Recently a young man asked the help of a group. He said, "In everything I see the negative first. It is only later I may be able to discover the positive." He went on to say that in meeting situations, persons, a new day -- or whatever -- the strong inclination of his personality was to fasten on the things that were negative, hurtful, destructive. Through repeated experiences he had learned there is another side. But his danger lay in the fact that his life up to this point had been so keenly trained to spot the negative that he was hard put to find anything positive or constructive in the situation or person or day he was encountering.

It doesn't take much imagination to recognize that this young man's dilemma is not his alone. Rather, it would be appropriate to identify how common is this malady among us all. There is much in us that is able to "smell out" the threatening possibilities in a situation, a person, a time in which we are living. Frequently we are slow to discover anything of value in the situation that started out looking and feeling negative.

Someone has said, "There is no time that is not a good time, if only we know what to do with it." At first hearing this may sound quite Pollyanna-like. But the more I have come to grips with its penetrating thrust, the more I am recognizing that there is a negative and positive side in practically all situations. I have found, for instance, that there are practically no situations that are an unqualified good. Here is a person who has a series of successes. Everything is going his way. He may have difficulty recognizing a possible "dark side" in what is happening. Nevertheless, there may be a rude shock awaiting him further down the road. The person, by his very success, may be losing his sense of prudence and judgment and his fascination with success and his inflated pride may be stealing from him the very ingredient needed for continuing success.

Most of us, however, are not in danger of ignoring the dark side of our experiences. Our greatest danger is in being so impressed by the negative that we fail to see anything of value in a situation. Finding the sunshine on a rainy day calls for genuine persistence. Seeing anything redeeming in a personal tragedy is often beyond our comprehension. Yet there is an impressive amount of evidence suggesting that many persons do eventually discover how to find the bright side of a dark happening. One of the most dramatic examples is to be found in the story of Glenn Cunningham. Badly burned as a boy, his doctor never expected him to walk again. Yet something infinitely wonderful was released in Cunningham by this cruel act of fate. In time he learned how to stand behind a chair and push himself about in the kitchen. Some years later he supported himself behind a walking plow pulled by a horse. To shorten a long account of an arduous struggle, Glenn Cunningham eventually became the fastest man to run the mile up to his time.

We miss the whole point of this narrative if we fail to see that it is highly unlikely Cunningham would ever have developed into such a fast runner if he had not suffered the incredibly bad fortune of having been burned as a boy. We must conclude that there is often an indelible line running between the "bad" and the "good" that comes into our lives. Without the bad side confronting us we would never even discover a hidden good side.

I think there is little point in trying to present this connection between the negative and positive sides of situations as a philosophical system. It is too weighty a matter to play philosophy with. Rather, it comes to me again and again out of the agony of persons. They are not looking for a philosophy. They are trying to keep their heads above water. They are asking only to find a way to survive. They may be frightened out of their wits, fearful of the evil that has befallen them. Then, somewhere, after facing the blackness of despair, before their unbelieving eyes, they find the other side of their suffering. Philosophically, it is one thing to say that the other side of darkness is light and that the other side of sadness is joy. But when we discover this, with great surprise, from experience it is quite a different thing.

I often think that we have not matured in our handling of human experience until we have taught ourselves to start looking for the "other side" of the tragic and hurtful things that come to us. At first we refuse to believe there can be another side. We feel so victimized by the negative that we tend to wallow in it.

When some people try to state their belief in God it often revolves around this recognition that there are two sides. To learn how to see and start acting on the light when to all appearances everything seems dark is an amazing feat. Perhaps it is not strange that some people find it valuable to describe this as the action of God. Yet it would also be accurate to say this simply the nature of life.

Virgil V. Brallier  
Monterey United Church of Christ



## NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The PTA is sponsoring a series of children's movies in the basement of the Monterey Library from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. A 35¢ donation, which includes the cost of refreshments is asked for. The movies are for pre-school and early elementary age children.

On October 22 three Monterey residents, Leonard Weber, painter, Gerald Hausman, poet, and Fred Lancome, sculptor, led a panel discussion designed to introduce young people to the arts. This occasion was <sup>at</sup> the Mill River School.

The next meeting of the PTA will be on November 19. Bette Seigerman will show a movie she produced on the work of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Cynthia Weber  
President

## GOULD FARM NEWS

On Saturday October 19, the annual meeting of the William J. Gould Associates and the Board of Directors was held at the Farm. This seemed a fitting way to celebrate the 106th birthday of William Gould.

The Farm rejoices in the safe return of Eleanor Goodyear and Marie Gaumont after long absences at Fairview Hospital and the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home. Both ladies are doing well.

A new young staff couple came a month ago to be house parents in the main building, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllister. Joe, whose home was in New Jersey, where he earned a degree in biology from Princeton University, met Bonner on a ranch in Wyoming. Her college degree, also in biology, came from Antioch. She went on to graduate work at Oregon State University and then spent a year in Indonesia. On the Wyoming ranch Bonner was a wrangler and Joe a carpenter. They were married in Connecticut last December and then returned to Wyoming. They spent last summer at the McAllister homestead on Hupi Road, living in a tepee and clearing land. They continue to work on this project in their spare time.

Rose McKee

## MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

Most of our council, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mollé, chairman, Rose McKee, Cynthia Weber, and Margery Janes -- plus Kelly Janes and Margaret White, of the legislative committee of AARP -- attended on October 15, at the Masonic Temple, Jack Leff's presentation of the progress made by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, of which he is the Secretary and head.

The strategic timing, before Election Day, and his willingness to let the Governor take the glory, did not nullify the encouragement of the report.

In addition to a well-financed, Cabinet-level Department, the first in the nation, we now have sixteen non-profit Home Care Corporations across the state to provide homemaker, chore, transportation, meals, legal and health services, so the elderly can live their own lives in their own homes. Who is eligible? There is no means test and it is not Welfare. Any elder is eligible, if otherwise he or she would have to go to a nursing home, retirement home, or other institution. It is not necessary to apply in person. Assistance is to be delivered. Anything that must be filled out will either be done over the phone or by mail. Those who can afford to pay for services will be charged, but on a sliding scale. In any case, it will be much cheaper than living in a nursing home. 20% of nursing home residents are there for no medical reason. So, if you, or any elder you know, are faced with the likelihood of having to go to a nursing home to live, call the Berkshire Home Care Corporation, in Pittsfield, 499-1353. Jeff Whitman is the head.

Mr. Leff said that 10,000 hot meals daily, at 220 locations across the state, including home delivery to the house-bound, are now being provided. Monterey is not one of these locations, but we can send our quota to Great Barrington. Those interested can phone Mrs. Mollé for further details. The charge is, or was, 50¢. If you have no transportation, tell that. It is believed that this service is not being used by the poor, but by those who like the sociability and the meal. He stresses the importance of avoiding anything that smacked of "welfare" or involved any stigma or embarrassment. He said it was almost a question of civil rights -- of a minority's right to dignity and respect.

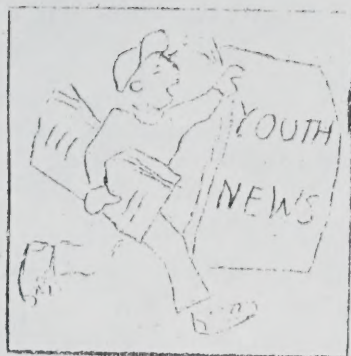
Margery Janes

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid is to hold its first meeting of the season November 7, 2:00 p.m., at the home of Grace Miner. There will be an election of officers. On November 21st we will meet at Belle Weiss's in Great Barrington at 1:30. A Christmas meeting is planned in December. All women in the community welcome at all meetings. The Ladies' Aid paid the processing charges of 10¢ a pound on the clothes collected for Church World Service -- about \$17.

Margery Janes





## GIRL SCOUTS

### Cadettes

Hallowe'en party for children twelve years and under at the Nursing Home. This will be the regular party for the town children and is to be held Sunday, October 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Cadettes will be helping with the games and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded. The Cadettes went on a hike from Route 23 to Tyringham over the Appalachian Trail on Columbus Day. The older Cadette patrol is called the Pansy Patrol. This patrol is working on their Public Health Badge, which will go toward the Challenge of Emergency Preparedness. The younger girls are in the Poppy Patrol. They will be working on the Challenge of Social Dependability. Both patrols will be finishing up on badges started this summer and they are as follows: Camp Craft, Outdoor Safety, Pioneer and Explorer.

Juniors Eight girls have joined the Juniors this year under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Thorn. Patrol Leader: Jill Jenssen; Assistant Patrol Leader: Kelly Eichstedt; Secretary: Janey Wells; Treasurer: Judy Wells. Meetings will be in the church basement every Wednesday after school until December 1. After that date the meetings will be at Mrs. Thorn's. Hike to Camp Bigford October 28.

Brownies The new Brownie leader is Mrs. Elisabeth Pizzichemi. Meetings will be held every Monday afternoon after school at her house. Girls in the first through third grade may join. Mrs. Pizzichemi's phone number is 528-2020 for more information.

## BOY SCOUTS

The Otis-Monterey troop have started up in Otis. The meetings this year are being held on Tuesday evenings. Those attending from Monterey are Kenny Heath, Shawn Ryder, John and Mark Makuc, Steve Brown and Kevin Bradley.

Cub Scouts Mrs. Claudette Callahan, of Hartsville, will be the new Cub Scout leader. Her assistant will be Mrs. Barbara Gauthier. Meetings will be held at Mrs. Callahan's house every Wednesday after, school, starting the last week in October.

Webelos The Webelo troop will be led by Mrs. Pat Andrus. Meetings will start in November.

## MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group will be holding a Hallowe'en party but at this time no date has been set. Schedule of future activities in the Youth Group will be in the next MONTEREY NEWS.

## 4-H CLUBS

Gardening The Monterey Greenthumbs have started their beautification project up at the dam on Beartown Road. They have purchased four flowering crab trees and a Norway maple. The money for the trees came from a paper drive they held this summer. Many thanks go to Mr. George Kisselbrock at the Land Fill site for tying all the paper that came in loose. The group plans on planting more shrubs in the spring.

Horse On October 7 the Monterey Roadrunners held a picnic meeting at their leader's house. Mr. Falcon was invited to this meeting and the club thanked him for all the help he has given them at all the horse shows that they have held. They presented him with a wallet and all wished him well on his new ventures. The club held an election of officers. They are: President: Susan Heath; Vice-President: Jessica Konigsberg; Secretary: Kristine Heath; Treasurer: Pam Gauthier; News Reporter: Mary O'Connor; Teen Leader: Susan Heath; Junior Leader: Kristine Heath. This year Mr. Heath will have his niece, Linda Hall, as his assistant leader.

On October 13 the club sponsored a horse show at Gould Farm. The refreshment stand was run by two club members, Kenny Heath and Jimmy Gauthier. Ribbons and trophies were given out by Wendy Bynack and Pam Gauthier. Judge for the show was Mr. Raymond Aba from Dalton, and his ringmistress was Mary Alice Larkin, from Richmond. Also helping in the ring was Bob Clark, of Tyringham. Mary Alice and Bob are members of the Berkshire County 4-H Horse Judging Team. The winners in each of the fifteen classes were: 4-H Fitting and Showing: Kristine Heath; Open Fitting and Showing: Bob Clark; English Equitation: Pat Andrus; Walk and Trot: Dennis O'Connor; Junior Western Horsemanship: Susan Andrus; Senior Western Horsemanship: Dolores Heath; Barn Management: Kristine Heath; Lead Line: Ellen Whitbeck; Open Trail: Anna Thorne; Apple Race: Susan Andrus; Root Race: Susan Heath; Ribbon Race: Susan Heath and Leslie Van Horn; Pony Express: Kristine and Bob Heath; Water Race: Dolores Heath;

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Sit-a-Luck: Susan O'Connor; Special Class (for all residents of Monterey who had had not ridden in the show but could ride a horse) -- Junior Division: Wendy Bynack; Senior Division: Dennis O'Connor, Sr.

Stamps Shawn Ryder gave a demonstration on stamp collecting at the Eastern States Exposition in the Massachusetts Building. He represented the Lick'em and Stick'em stamp club of Monterey. The club held an election of officers for the coming year -- President: Warren Thomson; Vice President: Shawn Ryder.

Word was received last week that photographs submitted by Shawn Ryder, of Monterey, to the Massachusetts 4-H Center in Ashland, have been sent to Chicago. The Eastman Kodak Company have planned a National 4-H Photo Exhibition during the first week in December.

Lois Ryder

#### LOCAL NOTES

Paul Winter, owner and director of Camp Glenmere for nearly twenty years, died suddenly of a heart attack while visiting the camp on October 11. Mr. Winter was well known to residents of Monterey and on several occasions had been host to the Town officials at dinners held at the camp.

Claude Lancome, a former resident of Monterey, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome, of the Sun-Inside Inn, has recently published a 40-page booklet entitled "Tools for Growth: Economic Development Mechanisms in Massachusetts." The booklet covers most of the major economic problems of the state, particularly in urban areas. Claude Lancome is Director of Economic Opportunities at the Action for Boston Community Development agency in Boston.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Since our last printed acknowledgment we have received gifts from the following: Reverend James Chase, Mrs. Howard Colt and Miss Charlotte Wilson. We thank each of you very warmly.

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